

The Lover's Ghost

(No. 4 of Five English Folksongs)

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

Lento ma non troppo. $\text{♩} = 54$

SOPRANO

Well met, well met my own true love; Long time I have been

ALTO

Well met, well met my own true love; Long time I have been

TENOR

Well met, well met my own true love; Long time I have been

BASS

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Piano
(for rehearsal only)

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ab - sent from thee, I am late - ly come from the salt sea, And 'tis

ab - sent from thee, I am late - ly come from the salt sea, And 'tis

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pp

all___ for the sake, my love, of thee. I have three ships all_ on the salt

pp

all___ for the sake, my love, of_ thee. I___ have three ships all on___ the salt

pp

all___ for the sake, my_ love, of thee. I have three ships all on___ the salt

all___ for the sake, my love, of thee.

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pp

sea, And one of them has_ brought me to land, I've

pp

sea, And_ one___ of them. has_ brought___ me to land, I've

sea, I've four_

20

four and twen - ty mar - i - ners on board, You shall have mu - sic

four and twen - ty mar - i - ners on board, You shall have mu - - sic,

and twen - ty mar - i - ners on board, You shall have mu - - sic,

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at your com - mand The ship where -

mu - sic at your com-mand. The ship where -

mu - sic at your com-mand. The ship where - in my love shall

The ship where-in my love shall sail Is

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cresc. *f*

in my love shall sail The sails shall be of shin - -

cresc. *f*

in my love shall sail Is glo - rious for to be - hold, The sails shall be of shin -

cresc.

sail Is glo - rious for to be - hold, The sails shall be of shin - -

cresc. *f*

glo - rious for to be - hold, The sails shall be of shin - ing

34

dim.

- ing silk, The mast shall be of the fine beat - en gold.

dim.

- ing silk, The mast of the fine beat - en gold.

f *dim.*

- ing silk, The mast shall be of the fine beat - en gold.

dim.

silk, The mast shall be of the fine beat - en gold.

38

pp *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp*

And fain she would have
 I might have had a King's daughter, And fain she would have
 And fain she would have married
 And

43

cresc. poco a poco *cresc.* *mf* *cresc.* *cresc.* *cresc.*

married me, But I for-sook her crown of gold, And 'tis
 married me, But I for-sook her crown of gold And 'tis all for the
 me, But I for-sook her crown of gold, her crown of
 fain she would have married me, But I for-sook her crown of gold, I for -

48 *mf cresc.*

all for the skae my love of

f cresc.

sake my love of thee, my love of thee, my love

f cresc.

gold, And 'tis all for the sake my love of

f

sook her crown of gold 'Tis all for the

51 *f cresc.*

thee, for the sake of thee, my love of thee.

rall. *ff*

of thee, my love of thee.

f

thee, all for the sake my love of thee.

ff

sake my love, my love of thee.

rall.